

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2021
HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling, Supervisor
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember
Deborah Gordon, Councilmember
John Trainor, Councilmember
Jesse Newton, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha (Marcie) Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Sharon Powers, BEDC & Comp Plan Comm Member
Steve Powers, CAC Member & CSC Chair
Bob Gilson, CAC & CSC Member
David Farren, CAC Chair & ZRC Member
Jim Carroll, PB & ZRC Member
Ted Salem, ZBA & ZRC Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Houghtling. The meeting was held in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

Town Clerk Robertson read the following public hearing notice aloud:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2021**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on November 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for public input on New Lebanon's Draft Comprehensive Plan Update 2021.

The meeting will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the

following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to solicit comments from Town of New Lebanon residents and property owners regarding the Town's Draft updated Comprehensive Plan. The Draft Comprehensive Plan is available to the public for review at the Town Clerk's office at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, during regular business hours and on the Town's website: www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York. You may also still submit comments regarding the New Lebanon's Draft Comprehensive Plan Update 2021 to:

supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and they will be included in the record.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
10/25/2021

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Houghtling opened the floor to public comment and asked if there was anyone that wished to speak regarding the Proposed draft Comprehensive Plan Update.

Bob Gilson: Mr. Gilson started by congratulating Ted Salem and his team on doing what he thinks is a really outstanding job. This kind of work takes a tremendous amount of time and effort and given the pandemic and everything that they have had to go through, to do this at this time is particularly impressive. He stated that he thinks in the last few days a couple of things have changed and one of them is that it has been a major infrastructure build passed in Washington and with God's help that means that there is going to be real money coming into the state and hopefully into our community. One of the things that he hopes with the Comprehensive Plan is that we find a way to make it a living document, that we find a way to make this thing work for us. He continued to say, the questions are: How do we use this document to help us out? How do we use this document to get money in to fix our roads and bridges? To provide the things that we need for this town. How do we get money to start to attract young people? We need young people in this town. He stated that he thinks that the Comprehensive Plan provides us with a real opportunity and he thinks that those of us in the community that care and the Town Board need to find a way to take advantage of this and he again thanked the people who worked on the plan.

Supervisor Houghtling stated that there are many things about the Plan that she loves but two things that stand out for her are that the plan does talk about revisiting

it in three to five years because of the COVID changes that are acknowledged and it has an actual action plan in the back and the goal is to create an implementation committee.

Supervisor Houghtling stated that they as a Town Board also need a committee keeping them on task. To check in with them each month to see where they are at, what is their progress, what is their next step. To take some of these goals and creating a timeline and creating actual action step that they can take to get there.

Supervisor Houghtling checked her email for comments. No emails were received.

Supervisor Houghtling stated that the plan did get sent to the Columbia County Planning Department, it is on their November agenda. It has to be reviewed by them before it can be adopted.

The board thanked the group that worked on and completed the Comprehensive Plan Update.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to close the Public Hearing at 6:37PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen-	Aye
Councilmember Gordon-	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling-	Aye
Councilmember Trainor-	Aye
Councilmember Newton-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk